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Coffee County Sheriff's Office warns citizens of phone scam

The Coffee County Sheriff's Office has received information about a scam that is being conveyed to local citizens via telephone.

Citizens have reported receiving telephone calls from individuals claiming to represent the Federal Reserve System. The caller is informing the victim that there is an active warrant for their arrest for money

laundering. The caller then leads the victim to believe that he or she is calling the Coffee County Sheriff's Office and speaking with a deputy to resolve the arrest warrant. On one occasion the scammer has identified himself as Sheriff Dave Sutton.

Victims are instructed to withdraw money out of their account and send money via

transfer to an unknown account.

The Coffee County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone that we will not contact people by phone and request payments regarding arrest warrants.

Further, anyone who receives one of these calls is encouraged to hang up and contact his/her local law enforcement.

Mass COVID-19 vaccination clinic planned for Elba

The City of Elba has teamed up with Troy Regional Medical Center to bring a COVID-19 Community Drive-Thru Vaccination Clinic to Elba on Saturday, March 20, for the 'initial dose' of the vaccine.

This vaccination clinic will be handled on a 'first come, first serve' basis, and it is free to those getting the vaccine. It will be at the Elba Church of Christ, 715 Troy Highway, from 7-11 a.m.

The second dose clinic [for those who receive the first dose on March 20th] will be Saturday, April 10, from 7-11 a.m.

Domestic altercation leads to shooting; one killed

A reported domestic altercation Tuesday morning, March 2, reportedly led to the death of a New Brockton, Alabama man, according to the Coffee County Sheriff's Office.

At approximately 7:13 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, a phone call reported a domestic dispute at 2380 County Road 545, New Brockton, came into police dispatch. Officers responded and made contact with Wendy Lebaron, age 54.

The Coffee County Sheriff's Office reported that Mrs. Lebaron stated she had shot her husband during a domestic altercation. Upon entering the residence, the officers located Steven Bruce Lebaron, age 67, lying deceased on the floor.

Mrs. Lebaron was transported to Medical Center Enterprise to receive treatment for lacerations to her face.

The incident is under investigation by the Coffee County Sheriff's Office, 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office, and the Coffee County Coroner's Office. No arrests have been made at this time, according to information released by the Sheriff's Office.



Photos by Drew Mack

Brush fire behind INZI Controls spreads to bulk trash storage area behind facility

The Elba Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched Thursday, March 4, at 4:36 p.m. to a reported brush fire at INZI Controls [375 Alabama Highway 203] in Elba.

Reportedly, the fire had started in some cardboard boxes and spread to the brush/grass in the area. Elba

Assistant Fire Chief Josh Mack was first on scene, and he advised this brush/grass fire had spread further into a bulk trash storage area behind the INZI facility.

In that area was a large assortment of metal storage bins and plastic pallets loaded with cardboard,

rubber, wood, plastic, and other combustible materials. Directly adjacent to the outdoor bulk storage area was a large open air metal structure full of the same type of materials.

The Elba firefighters established a water supply and began working to extinguish the fire and also prevent further spreading. New Brockton and Opp fire departments were requested for mutual aid to gain more manpower in the fire attack.

Firefighters also used a backhoe from the City of Elba to break up all the plastic/rubber that had melted together in large piles to allow for the fire to be fully extinguished.

Elba firefighters remained on the scene until approximately 7:15 p.m.



Several retirements among personnel matters approved by Coffee County BOE board during March 4th meeting

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, March 4, for the regular monthly board meeting, and multiple retirements were approved when board members discussed personnel matters.

Among the upcoming retirements will be that of Kinston School principal Danny Branch. According to Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth, Branch will be retiring at the end of his contract term on June 30th.

Also retiring at the end of the current school year is Sandra "Jodi" Thomas

— systemwide SLP. Her retirement will take effect on June 1st.

Two of the school system's media specialists will retire at the end of the school year. Tracy Whittaker, media specialist at New Brockton Elementary School, and Jennifer Sanders, media specialist at Kinston School, each had their retirement letters approved by the board during last week's meeting.

One additional retirement recommended to be approved by the superintendent was that of New

Brockton Elementary School teacher Carla Bailey. Her retirement begins at the end of this school year.

Regarding certificated personnel, the board also approved three resignations.

Valinda "Lisa" Nelson, teacher at Zion Chapel High School, resigned her position, effective June 30th; Matthew Miller, teacher at New Brockton High School, resigned his position effective June 30th; and Sonya Jordan, teacher at New Brockton Elementary

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SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT SENDS ONE TO HOSPITAL...Local emergency personnel, including the Elba Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched Wednesday afternoon, March 3, to the scene of this single vehicle accident on Alabama Highway 87 North at Mile Marker 49. The only occupant was the driver of the Toyota 4-Runner, and she was transported by ambulance to Troy Regional Medical Center for treatment of injuries sustained in the wreck.

Governor extends state's face mask mandate until April 9th

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey issued her 23rd supplemental emergency proclamation Thursday, March 4, extending the state's 'Safer at Home' public health order that includes a statewide mask requirement.

Individuals will be required to wear a mask or other facial covering when

in public and in close contact with other people, as described in the order. This order extends until Friday, April 9, at 5 p.m.

During her address last Thursday morning, Gov. Ivey said she felt it was important to extend the face mask mandate five more weeks to help the

state's citizens get past the Easter holiday and to allow more time to get additional COVID-19 vaccines in the arms of Alabamians.

The governor very clearly stated she would not extend the statewide face

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Kindergarten Registration underway at Elba Elementary School for 2021-2022 school year

Kindergarten Registration is underway at Elba Elementary School with the first session going on this week — Wednesday, March 10, and Thursday, March 11.

There will be a second session for Kindergarten Registration at Elba Elementary on April 21st and April 22nd.

Those with a child 5-years-old on or before September 1, 2021, is encouraged to bring the child to Elba Elementary School between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on March 10th or 11th and April 21st or April 22nd. Parents will complete enrollment paperwork, and each child will be given a short screener involving basic kindergarten skills.

However, if the child is showing any signs of sickness, please do not bring him/her to registration. The school will have an additional time the screener may be completed for those who may be sick at the time of registration. Social distancing protocol will apply during the Kindergarten Registration times.

Each student enrolling in Elba City Schools for the first time will need the following provided by the parent/guardian at the time of registration:

1. Copy of child's birth certificate
2. Social security card (If a student does not have an SSN, a temporary number shall be assigned as specified by the ALSDE)
3. Up-to-date certificate of immunization
4. Proof of residency (Current utility bill, mortgage statement, or rent lease agreement)
5. Parent/Guardian picture ID
6. If Applicable: Proof of Custody/Guardianship — Custody papers may be required if the student doesn't reside with both birth parents.

For additional questions concerning kindergarten registration, call the principal or counselor at Elba Elementary — (334) 897-2814.



NEW RETAIL BUSINESS OPENS IN DOWNTOWN ELBA...The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday, March 4, during the grand opening celebration for Elba's newest retailer Just Fashion. The business is located at 417 Davis Street, and the business is owned by Princess Wood and Kimmy Hill. Wood and Hill [above center in red] were joined for the ribbon cutting by Elba Mayor Tom Maddox [holding scissors] and Elba Chamber director Sandy Bynum [standing in back between Hill and Wood], along the Elba Queens, Elba City Clerk Sally Bane and others.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." - Charles M. Schultz

On the health kick today and we read the feds are issuing new guidelines on expanded lung cancer screening on younger smokers. This sounds great if an annual CT screening will actually cut this leading deadly cancer death rate by a whopping 25%. This screening push is targeted at those 50 to 80 years old who smoked for 20 years or more and those who have quit within the past 15 years.

Troy Regional Medical Center folks will be in Elba giving out COVID shots on Saturday, March 20th. This is a 'drive thru' event. You drive in with your window rolled down and they reach in and pop you in the arm with the magic vaccine. The event will be in the parking lot of the Elba Church of Christ (on Troy Highway). They will probably ask you some questions about allergies, etc. as many of us have already experienced, but it amounts to making a few check marks on a piece of paper. They will probably then ask you to park in the parking lot for fifteen minutes to be sure you don't have some sort of adverse reaction to the shot needle. We encourage all our readers who have not already received the shot to get in that line before the shot needles run out of that magic elixir!

The internet lit up this week with people discussing the much-hyped prerecorded TV interview with that British royalty guy, and his American wife Meghan, who have walked away from their castle home and moved to the U. S. and are now living in California. He was once "Prince Harry" but that official title was either given up and if not will probably be erased by the stiff shirts in London. He and his American wife had some strong negative things to say about his family and the British news media. We don't know which side of that spat has the strongest argument but then none of it involves, nor has an impact on us down here in South Alabama! Well at least there is something to talk about besides the weather- and presidential politics. We can just keep doing our thing as we have all our lives and our life will go on - and on - and on in relative peace.

There is something interesting in the legal notices beginning this week. A proposed bill to increase the pay of several elected officials. We should say the "office" of several elected officials as it is unconstitutional to raise the pay of elected officials while they are in office. Therefore if approved by the legislature these raises will only go into effect after the next election. It is long reading but impacts every resident of Coffee County and should be followed closely as it moves through the system. This bill will not go to the Legislature until at least mid April.

Be Safe, wear your mask, wash your hands, and social distance when possible. Also take the shot(s) when you get the chance.

Card of Thanks
The **Family of James Haston Blair** would like to thank everyone for all the love, prayers, calls, texts, food, flowers, and other acts of kindness shown to us during the illness and loss of our loved one. We appreciate you all, and may God bless you richly.
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Elba Lions Club serves over 300 plates of pancakes for annual fundraiser

The Elba Lions Club held its annual Pancake Breakfast fund raising event Saturday morning, March 6, in a 'take-out only' version due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Lions Club members said they served more than 300 plates during the 4-hour event with a steady flow of traffic throughout the morning. They reported the event to be highly successful this year and thanked the community for its overwhelming support.

Not only did hundreds pay to eat, but the club also was supported by numerous sponsors and contributors.

The Elba Lions Club is a member organization of Lions Club International, a worldwide organization with chapters in virtually every country in the world. The Lions Club's principal purpose is to support programs to prevent blindness



Elba Lions Club member Brian McLeod could be found flipping pancakes last Saturday morning, March 6, as one of the cooks for the annual fundraiser. Two grills were used to cook nearly 1,000 pancakes this year.

and to aid people in surgical care for eye diseases.

The Lions Club International also supports medical research, vocational research and disaster relief. The Elba club also supports Alabama Lions Sight Conservation.

According to the club by-laws, any monies gained through fund raising activities, such as last Saturday's pancake breakfast, must support projects to help people and organizations serving them. The annual Pancake Breakfast is the main fund raising source for the Elba Lions Club.

The Elba Lions support the following service organizations:

- Local sight projects - eye exams and glasses. Local residents needing assistance can pick up an application form at Kenneth Calhoun's State Farm Agency on the square in Elba. Used eyeglass receptacles are available around Elba, with all used eyeglasses being donated to UAB.

- Alabama Lions Sight Conservation - an organization to assist persons needing eye care, from exams to surgery. In its 76-year history the ALSC has assisted over 300,000 Alabamians.

- Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) - an international humanitarian foundation focusing on four major areas. These four areas are: preserving sight, supporting youth, providing disaster relief, and meeting humanitarian needs. In 2020 the 1.4 million worldwide members of the Lions Club served 275 million people across the globe.

- Camp Seale Harris - a camp in northern Alabama for children with diabetes.

- Southeast Leader Dog School - a school for the training of leader dogs for the blind.

- American Diabetes Association - an organization to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.



Longtime Elba Lions Club member Terry Calhoun was the sausage cook last Saturday morning for the annual Pancake Breakfast. Each year, the Elba Lions members fill their supporters' plates with pancakes and patty sausage for a yummy Saturday morning breakfast.

Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder
Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou had a big "What in the name of Yonder?!" moment earlier this week when she learned that Looney Tunes character Pepe Le Pew [the ever-loving Casanova skunk] was being cancelled because of his controversial state.

All this seemingly came to light after a New York Times columnist went on a tirade suggesting the character "added to rape culture" because of this infatuation Penelope - the black cat with a white stripe down her back.

Now, thanks to this attention-seeking columnist, Pepe Le Pew will not be featured in an upcoming Space Jam sequel movie from Warner Brothers. And, Lou Lou would be willing to bet that old episodes of Looney Tunes featuring Pepe will disappear too because of this mess and "not wanting to offend anyone."

Pepe Le Pew was first introduced as a Looney Tunes character way back in 1945 and has been a beloved character over years. Cuzin Lou Lou

remembers marveling at all the Looney Tunes characters as she grew up - the storylines were simply fun and entertaining.

Never did it cross her mind that the Pepe "added to rape culture" - that statement tells Lou Lou the only real "looney tune" is that columnist in this situation. Seriously, if Pepe Le Pew were such a bad CARTOON CHARACTER, wouldn't someone have realized it way before now...not some 76 years after he was first introduced!

When will all this craziness stop?????

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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JOEY EDWIN EAGERTON

Mr. Joey Edwin Eagerton, age 44, a resident of Panama City Beach, Fla., died unexpectedly Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at his apartment in Mobile, Ala.

Funeral services were held March 6, 2021 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Ricky Grant officiating. Burial followed in the Bluff Springs Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. Those wishing to make memorials, are asked to do so to a charity of choice.

Joey was a 1994 graduate

of Enterprise High School, received his B.S. degree from Troy University in 1998, and his M.S. degree in physician assistant studies from Alderson Broaddus University in 2004. He had worked in Panama City for the last seven years, until recently accepting a position with the University of South Alabama in Mobile, so he could be closer to his daughter. He was a devoted fan of Auburn football, could always be predicted to be watching the New Orleans Saints with his friend Randy, and had recently become a fan of the Ole Miss Rebels after "Tori's" decision to attend Ole Miss to further her studies.

Joey was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Parker Grant,

and paternal grandparents, Alvie and Onyx Eagerton. Survivors include his daughter: Victoria "Tori" Breann Eagerton, Oxford, Miss.; mother: Nadine Schloemer, Elba; father: Larry (Greta) Eagerton, Enterprise, Ala.; two stepbrothers: Kevin Wyatt, Kinston, Ala., and Chad Wyatt, Tusculumbia, Ala.; his maternal grandmother: Ilene Grant, Elba; a special cousin: Stacy (Angel) Harrelson, Biloxi, Miss.; along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

ETHELENE C. TUCKER

Mrs. Ethelene C. Tucker, age 89, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, March 7, 2021, at Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Elba.

Funeral services will be held from Elba Church of Christ on Sunday, March 14, at 2:30 p.m., with Min. Philip Box officiating. Burial services will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Visitation will be at Elba Church of Christ on Sunday, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Wiregrass Christian Youth Camp, P. O. Box 311072, Enterprise, AL 36331; or Elba Community Food Bank, C/O Elba Church of Christ, P. O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36323.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Tucker; parents, Willie C and Edell Bryan Crocker; brother, Ralph Crocker; and brother-in-law, Gus McCall. Survivors include her son: Ronnie (Caryl) Tucker, Dothan, Ala.; grandson: Joseph (Britni) Tucker, Dothan; great-grandson: Yates Tucker, Dothan; sisters: Janice McCall, Fay (Ray) Goodson, June (Tommy) Grimes; and brother: Willie Ray (Mary) Crocker, all of Elba.

CHARLES HENDERSON JR.

Mr. Charles Henderson Jr., age 74, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Feb. 26, 2021, at his home.

Funeral services were held March 6, 2021 at Coleman Funeral Home Chapel, Elba.

Charles Henderson Jr was born Dec. 25, 1946 in Covington County, Ala. to the late Brewton Henderson and Mae Pearl Henderson. Charles was employed with Dorsey Trailers in Elba, as a welder for 33 years.

He was a member of the Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church where he served as the Superintendent of Sunday School for over 30 years and was a member of the Male Choir, Laymen Department, Usher Board, S. Mission and was on the Deacon Board for many years. He was a member, and Vice-President for the Southeast District Singing Convention Building.

The Sunday Morning Daily Bread aired on "WOPP" radio station, where he loved spreading the gospel through words and songs. He sang with the Spiritual Five Gospel singing group and was the manager for over 20 years.

Charles was preceded in death by three sisters, Annie Lee Campbell, Junie Mae Teague (Pledge), Mary Henderson Stoudemire (James); five brothers, O.D. Brown (Jessie), Benjamin Henderson, Henry Henderson, Joe Henderson and Willie (Clara) Henderson; and a grandson, Marquez Henderson.

Survivors include his wife: Ollie Mims Henderson, Elba; two daughters: Angela (Gale) Henderson, Opp, Ala., Linda Henderson (Nate) Tillis, Kinston, Ala.; one son: Charles Alvin

(Dawn) Henderson, Killen, Texas.; grandchildren: Brandy Brannon, Jaquez Henderson, Kiara Henderson, and Christian Henderson; great-grandchildren: Zy'Kerriya Henderson, Dada Stoudemire, Alvin O'Bryan Henderson, Cordell Henderson, Gabriel Henderson, Marshaun Henderson; two sisters: Annie P. Siler (Arthur), Opp, Martha Henderson, Elba; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

ELMA BROCK

Ms. Elma Brock, of New Brockton, Ala., died Monday, March 1, 2021.

Funeral services were held March 6, 2021 at Springfield Baptist Church, New Brockton, with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

She was born Sept. 18, 1930 in New Brockton. Her parents were the late Ghent and Vallie McGowan

Brock. Elma attended Mulberry High School, Alabama State University (Bachelor Science) and Simmons University (Advance Studies). She started her working career at DA Smith High School. She worked there for about 11 years as a media specialist and continued that career at Fort Rucker Dependent School, Ft. Rucker, Ala., where she retired in August 1993 after 30 years of service.

She joined Springfield Missionary Baptist Church where she served in her earlier years as the Sunday School Teacher for the Young Adult and the Library Director. She was heavy involved with Voter's Rights, submission of Absentee Ballots, NAACP Organization and Civil Club Voter's Right Activities.

Elma was preceded in death by her sisters, Neil Brock and Evie Lee Rowe, and brother, Cecil Brock.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, March 2, 2021, and Monday, March 8, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, March 2 - Domestic complaint reported on Hwy 84 (10:22 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St, C1 (10:54 a.m.); Burglary reported on Reese Ave (12:40 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1239 Jones Circle (1:11 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 787 County Rd 547 (1:35 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 203 (7:35 p.m.); Unruly juvenile reported at 401 Adkinson Ave (7:41 p.m.); Unruly juvenile reported at Moore Ave/Newton St (8:16 p.m.); Unruly juvenile reported at 401 Adkinson Ave (8:57 p.m.).

Wednesday, March 3 - Unruly juvenile reported at 401 Adkinson Ave - an arrest was made (6:55 a.m.); Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle reported at 516 Adkinson Ave (10:01 a.m.); Reports of shots fired at 1105 Guyton St (1:29 p.m.); Elba Police rendered assistance to a citizen (4:57 p.m.); Livestock in the roadway reported on the Troy Hwy (6:15 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 189 - one mile south of County Rd 404 (7:09 p.m.); Prowler reported in area of Old Samson Rd (7:31 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 203 (7:33 p.m.); ATV complaint reported on Cedar Lane Dr (8:32 p.m.); Intoxicated person reported at 992 Hwy 203, Suite 1 (9:02 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in verbal warnings.

Thursday, March 4 - Intoxicated person reported at 1123 Deal St (3:00 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 870 Cedar Lane Dr (5:18 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 125 (11:23 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 991 Hwy 203 - an arrest was made (1:07 p.m.); Fire reported at 375 Hwy 203 (4:35 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported in area of Lee St and Reynolds St (6:04 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 563 County Rd 501 (10:08 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one arrest, two written warnings, and one verbal warning.

Friday, March 5 - Burglary reported at 1233 Farris Ave (8:04 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 420 Plant Ave (8:15 a.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 1415 Jones St (9:35 a.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 992 Hwy 203 (11:48 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 315 Sawyer St (7:07 p.m.). There were six traffic stops recorded on this date with three verbal warnings, one arrest, and two written warnings.

Saturday, March 6 - Domestic complaint reported at 1237 Jones

Circle - with an arrest made (8:12 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Troy Hwy (5:15 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 632 Claxton Ave N (6:39 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 885 Cedar Lane Dr (7:07 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 315 Sawyer St (7:47 p.m.); There were four traffic stops recorded on this date with three citations issued and one written warning.

Sunday, March 7 - Suspicious circumstances reported at 406 Adkinson Ave (2:32 a.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Newton/Moore streets (2:35 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (4:16 a.m.); Fire reported at 137 Plant Ave (11:05 a.m.); Assault reported at 220 County Rd 401 (8:19 p.m.). There was one traffic stop recorded on this date with a verbal warning issued.

Monday, March 8 - Suspicious person reported at 588 Davis St E (6:06 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Pinedale Dr (11:06 p.m.). There was one traffic stop recorded on this date resulting in a verbal warning.

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When your loved one is buried, it's customary for the cemetery to charge a fee for "opening and closing" services. The specific cost can vary, depending on a few different factors, but it's certainly something to be aware of.

Opening and closing services are required not just for in-ground burials but also for entombment in a mausoleum crypt or a cremation niche. Essentially, opening and closing services refer to the work that the cemetery staff conducts to physically prepare the area for your loved one's remains.

For instance, for ground burials, the opening and closing duties encompass opening the grave ground (e.g., digging out the area where the casket is to be placed), preparing the site for the service, back-filling the grave, and ensuring the landscaping looks appropriate following the service. For entombment in a niche or crypt, meanwhile, opening and closing services can include opening the niche or crypt and then closing it back up once the casket or cremation urn has been placed.

There can be a lot of work that goes into this, which makes it a boon to have the cemetery handle it on your behalf. If you ever have any questions about what exactly these services entail or want to ensure proper coordination with the cemetery, you can always go straight to your funeral director.

You can also address the price point with your funeral director, who can give you advance notice how much opening and closing will cost and explain all the factors that are taken into account.

Opening and closing are important steps in providing your loved one with a final resting place and can help make the entire funeral process go more smoothly.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

by Jon Isaacs, Pastor

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FAITH TO FACE THE STORM

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed..." (2 Corinthians 4:8-9)

Several years ago, a visiting minister shared a memorable illustration at GFHC: A small transport ship was caught in a ferocious storm far out to sea. The passengers huddled in fear below the deck. Hour after agonizing hour passed without any word from the crew. A terrible dread began to settle over the travelers as they pitched and rolled in the mad waves. Finally, a brave soul volunteered to climb up onto the deck to try to speak to a crew member. The hatch was opened, and the wind screamed like an angry spirit as the man disappeared into the gray swirling mist. After just a few moments he returned and was helped below, breathless but with happy news. "We're going to make it!" the man exclaimed. "Are you sure? Did a crewman tell you that?" one fearful passenger asked. "No, I didn't speak with anyone, but I looked through the window of the pilothouse and saw the captain smiling!"

As I recall this story, I cannot help but think of Paul being transported as a prisoner in Acts 27. For fourteen days a "tempestuous wind" hounded them until all hope of survival was lost. Unlike the story above, the captain of Paul's ship was not smiling. No nautical skills or equipment available at the time could save the ship from being destroyed. There was only one hope for the crew and passengers - prayer! Paul proved that anyplace can become a chapel as he shut himself away and began to seek God. I love the KJV wording of this account, "But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." (Acts 27:21-25)

Friend, no matter where you are in life; no matter what you are facing, take your questions, your doubts, and all your fears to God in prayer. Through Christ Jesus we can reach heaven when we pray. And, by faith, we can come away from a time of prayer with confidence that enables us to face the wind and say, "I believe God!"

*** Pastor Jon Isaacs of Grace Fellowship Church is the author of the Pastor's Corner column for March 2021.*

New Hope Senior Center seeking new clients to serve

The New Hope Senior Citizens Center is taking applications for new clients. To participate in the center's programs, senior citizens must be 60 years of age or older. For additional information, contact New Hope Senior Center director Connie Banks at (334) 735-5433.

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mask mandate after April 9th; instead, she said it would then become a personal responsibility duty of citizens to decide when or when not to wear face masks.

There were a few changes announced by Ivey to the public health order. These included:

- Hospitals and Nursing Homes – Subject to reasonable restrictions, patients and residents are allowed visits from as many as two caregivers [up from one] or as many as two visitors [up from one] at a time;
- Senior Citizen Centers – Programs other than congregate meals may resume, but only outdoors and subject to guidelines by the Alabama Department of Senior Services. Meals still available by curbside pick-up or delivery;
- Restaurants, Bars, and Breweries – Still may open, but with no limit on party size at tables. Still required: Partitions or 6 feet between tables and additional sanitation rules and guidelines;
- Summer Camps – Still my open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines. The social-distancing requirement was changed to mirror the one used for schools.

Beyond these few changes, everything else remained the same for the current public health order.

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For more information visit <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/call-for-proposals.html>

Basin Baptist Church plans to restart Sunday School on Easter, April 4th

Basin Baptist Church currently meets at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings for 'in-person' worship service. This is accompanied by a 'live' Facebook feed for those unable to attend in person.

Beginning Easter Sunday (April 4), the church will begin Sunday School again, starting at 9:30 a.m. This will be followed by the Morning Worship service at 10:30 a.m.

The church continues to

practice social distancing measures, and the wearing of face masks upon entering and exiting the building (or moving around) is encouraged. The church also has hand sanitizers available for use.

Wednesday Night Bible Study is held each week at 6:30 p.m. There currently are no Sunday evening services.

Basin Baptist Church is located at 9757 Highway 189 S, Elba.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The glories of the city of God [Psalm 87: 1-7]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

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March Birthdays / Anniversaries

Enterprise H.S. Students and One Adult Off Campus/2007 Tornado 3/1 (in memory)
Emily Newman 3/1
Tina Neal 3/1
Rev. W.L. Peterson 3/2
DeVonta Tillis 3/2
Brandon and Eliza Kelley 3/2 W.A.
Amelia Carpenter 3/2
Chris West 3/2
Cheryl D. Faison 3/3
Cleva M Davis 3/3
Dora Ann Jackson Byrd 3/4

Silence is Golden?

Whoever coined the phrase, "Silence is golden," just may have been the grandfather of twins and triplets, all born within a three-month period! I'm guessing that because I myself am such a grandfather. Having spent considerable time helping to care for my five new grandchildren, I have my own definition of peace: When no babies are crying! As the phrase is normally used, "silence is golden" means that saying nothing at all is often the best kind of communication. Certain circumstances call for few words – the kind of quiet that actually speaks volumes.

Elijah's challenge to the Israelites to state their religious loyalty was not such a time! Still, they "answered him not a word." The offered no refutation, no defense, no reply. Perhaps they had become so used to the pattern of compromise that they did not know how to respond when asked to

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School, resigned with her last day of employment being Feb. 26th.

The board approved two leave requests for teachers, including Ashley O'Neal – teacher at Kinston [March 8 through approximately April 13], and Crystal Benson – teacher at New Brockton Elementary [beginning approximately March 31 through April 9].

Only one other personnel matter was presented by the superintendent for board action. This included accepted the resignation of Daryl Wilkerson as a bus driver for Kinston School. His last day of employment was March 1st.

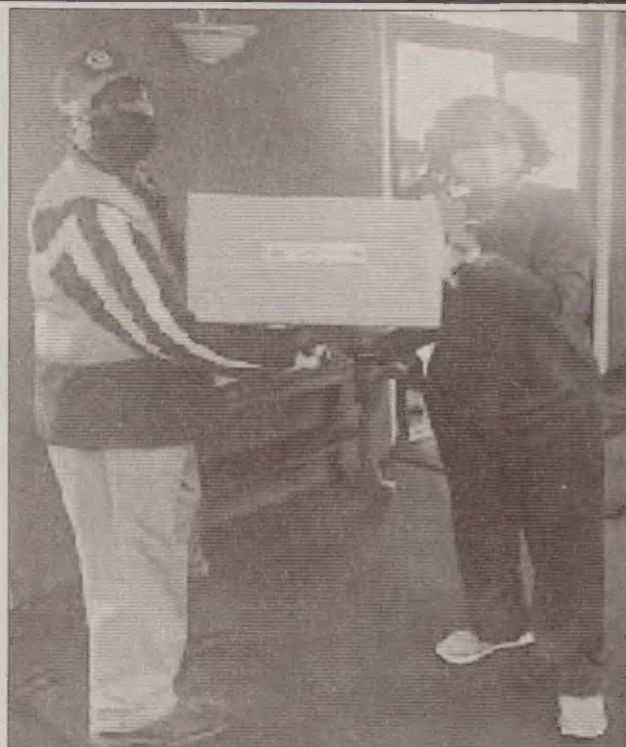
Church and Lifestyles news due on Mondays!

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Senior citizens can apply online for Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers

The Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program provides eligible senior citizens with fresh fruits and vegetables from certified farmers markets in the State of Alabama.

Eligibility for vouchers [worth \$30 each] includes:

- Age – must be 60 years of age or older on the day of application; and
- Income – applicants' gross household income must not exceed these limits [household of one: \$1,756 monthly; household of two: \$2,371 monthly; household of three: \$2,987 monthly; household of four: \$3,604 monthly; household of five: \$4,219 monthly; household of six: \$4,835 monthly]

Applicants must apply online at <http://fma.alabama.gov>. **Elba Senior Citizens director Donna Falls can help local seniors fill out the application online. For her assistance, call (334) 897-3019.**

As of Monday, Falls said she had assisted with at least 65 applications thus far. No applications can be accepted over the telephone or by mail.

Vouchers can be redeemed at state certified farmers markets, farmstands and u-pick operations. To view a list by county, visit: <http://www.fma.alabama.gov/FMCounty.aspx> or <http://agi.alabama.gov/docs/fma/RedemptionSites>



TRAFFIC LIGHTS REMOVED THIS WEEK...Three intersections in downtown Elba saw the traffic lights [which had been set to flashing mode for many months] come down this week. The Alabama Department of Transportation changed the intersection of Simmons Street/Claxton Avenue to a two-way stop, and the intersections of Claxton Avenue/Davis Street and Davis Street/Factor Avenue both to four-way stops several months ago, but DOT officials left the traffic lights, changing them to flashing mode, to help motorists adjust to the changes. This week the changes were completed with the removal of the traffic lights. The photo above shows the removal at the Claxton Ave/Davis St intersection by the Elba United Methodist Church.

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LIFESTYLES

General Henry D. Clayton district UDC meeting held Feb. 27th

On Saturday, Feb. 27, The Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy "UDC" hosted the General Henry D. Clayton District Meeting.

Twenty-seven members and guests were in attendance. The meeting was held at The Enterprise Country Club in Enterprise, Ala. Other chapters in the General Henry D. Clayton District include: Thomas Randolph Thomasson 2471 of Andalusia, General William C. Oates 1342 of Dothan, Captain Stouten Hubert Dent 2669 of Eufaula and Stonewall Jackson 667 of Ozark. Each Chapter was represented at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by District Director Georgia Fleming of the Rucker Chapter. In the absence of District Chaplain Adrian Petrie, the invocation was given by Rucker chaplain, Cathy Odom serving as Chaplain *Pro Tem*, and the salutes, pledge and ritual were given. The salute to the Christian flag was led by Tammie Evans of Andalusia, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was led by Mary Ellen Sanders of Do-



Pictured from left to right: Cathy Odom, Bethne Cowen, Pat Richter, Faye McWhorter, Georgia Fleming, Patsy Stephens, and Donna Smith

than, the salute to the Alabama flag was led by Linda Paramore of Eufaula and the salute to the Confederate flag was led by Dinah Blankenship of Ozark. The UDC ritual was led by Director Fleming and Chaplain *pro tem* Odom.

Greetings were extended by Director Fleming and the welcome was given by Patsy Stephens, president of the Rucker Chapter. The response was given by Julia Harrison of Dothan. Fleming made introductions and

welcomed guests, which included Alabama Division President Faye McWhorter, a member of the Joe Wheeler 291 Chapter of Decatur and Ginger Stephens, ex-president of the Virginia Division and member of the Loudoun 170 Chapter in Loudoun, Virginia.

Following the reading of the minutes by District Secretary Mary Williams, reports were given by the presidents of all five chapters. Linda Castleberry, Thomasson Chapter; Mary Ellen Sanders, Oates Chapter; Patsy Stephens, Rucker Chapter; Mary Williams, Dent Chapter and Dinah Blankenship, Jackson Chapter. Each Chapter president gave a summary of the activities and accomplishments of their respective Chapters since the 2020 district meeting.

The Credentials Report was presented by Co-Director Pat Richter. Present were: 2 Alabama Division officers, 3 Alabama Division Committee Chairmen, 4 District officers, 5 Chapter presidents, 13 UDC members, and 3 guests. There were 24 District members present.

Business was conducted by Director Fleming. Bylaws Committee Chair Tammie Evans reported that there were no changes to the District Bylaws. A nominating committee was appointed, which consisted of Julia Harrison, Dinah Blankenship, Patsy Stephens, Mary Williams, Donna Smith and Hilda Allen.

Following the business, guest speaker Ginger Stephens spoke on the CSS Coffee County Extension office set to host landscape tree and ornamental shrub care and pruning workshop

Chattahoochee and the Confederate Navy. Stephens was presented with a lovely UDC bracelet by Rucker Chapter President Stephens.

A moving Memorial Service for deceased members who passed away during the year was performed by Chaplain Odom. Daughters that were recognized included: Betty Baeuer of the Oates Chapter, dedication by Pat Hall; Gurtie Bernice Thomas of the Dent Chapter, dedication by Mary Williams; Jean Farris Spurlin of the Rucker Chapter, dedication by Cathy Odom; and Marceline German McDaniels of the Jackson Chapter, dedication by Dinah Blankenship. A candle was lit for each deceased daughter.

The petition for grace was given by Chaplain Odom and a delicious lunch was enjoyed.

The Caroline Dent McDowell Memorial gavel was presented by Fleming to the Dothan Chapter with the most members attending on a percentage basis. The invitation to the 2022 Annual Clayton District Meeting, which will be hosted by the Dent Chapter, was given by Mary P. Williams.

Division President McWhorter spoke to the group on Division matters and activities; then was presented with a set of lovely wine glasses, etched with magnolia leaves.

Following announcements, goodie bags and door prizes were given to each attendee and the benediction was given by Odom. After adjournment, the ladies gathered to sing "Bless Be the Tie That Binds".

Coffee County Extension office set to host landscape tree and ornamental shrub care and pruning workshop

The Coffee County Extension office will be hosting a landscape tree and ornamental shrub care and pruning workshop Tuesday, March 23, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., at the extension office in New Brockton, Ala.

This workshop will focus on overall tree care and maintenance, correct pruning, pruning tool care, pruning safety, and tree risk assessment [should I cut this tree down?].

The workshop is free to attend, and a box lunch will be provided to all those who pre-register by calling the Coffee County Extension office at 334-

894-5596.

Please make plans to attend and share with anyone who may be interested.



Miss Jessica Fox and Mr. Tripp Hudson

Fox-Hudson wedding planned for Saturday, April 24, in Enterprise

Kenneth and Lacey Fox of Enterprise, Alabama are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Nicole Fox, to James Harold (Tripp) Hudson III, son of James Harold (Jamie) Hudson Jr. and Andrea Hudson of Elba, Alabama.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Charlotte Fox and the late Jessie Odell Fox of Daleville, Alabama, and Doris Fletcher of Enterprise and Jill Tempest Fletcher and the late Paul Fletcher of Acworth, Georgia.

Jessica is a 2015 honors graduate of Enterprise High School where she served as drum major for the Enterprise Big Blue Band. She is a 2020 graduate of Troy University where she earned a degree in marketing from the Sorrell

College of Business. She is employed as an agent with an insurance firm in Montgomery, Alabama.

The future groom is the grandson of the late James Harold Hudson Sr. and Jane Harris Hudson, and Pete and Susann Nelson, and the late Loyce Campbell, all of Elba.

Tripp is a 2016 honors graduate of Elba High School. He is a 2020 cum laude graduate of Troy University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is employed as a salesman with a beverage distributor in Troy, Alabama.

A spring wedding is being planned for Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 6 o'clock in the evening at Magnolia Farms in Enterprise, Alabama. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



ELBA REPRESENTED WELL IN LITTLE MISS OPP RATTLESNAKE PAGEANT...The Miss Opp Rattlesnake Rodeo Pageants were held last Saturday, March 6, and the top two spots in the Little Miss Opp Rattlesnake were claimed by young ladies from Elba. Mary Brooklyn O'Neal (right) was crowned the 2021 Little Miss Opp Rattlesnake Queen, and she won the interview portion of the contest. Taylor Day (left) received first alternate for Little Miss Opp Rattlesnake. The two friends were all smiles after the pageant as they posed for photos together.

(courtesy photo)

RWCC meeting will be March 17

Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill will be the guest speaker Wednesday, March 17, for the Republican Women of Coffee County meeting.

In Feb. 2020, Merrill was elected Chair of the Republican Secretaries of State Commission. He was selected by the Republican State Leadership Committee to chair the National Commission on Election Integrity in 2021. This group introduced best practices in election administration throughout the nation.

Under Secretary Merrill's leadership, Alabama has been nationally recognized as the premier state in election administration.

RWCC meets at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway. Social time begins at 11 a.m.; an optional lunch begins at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon. Social distancing will be observed, temperatures will be taken before entering, and per Governor Ivey's directive, masks should be worn except while eating.

All welcome, but reservations are required. Contact Jan to RSVP at 334-494-3763 or rwccreservations@gmail.com.

NOTICE:

Scale Back Alabama has extended the 2021 start date to Monday, April 5.

Anyone wanting to develop a healthier lifestyle is encouraged to register for the free program.

Registration closes on Sunday, April 4. Information describing the virtual program can be viewed at this link: <https://scalebackalabama.com/>

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OBITUARIES

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JOANN DOSTER

Mrs. Joann Doster, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, February 26, 2021. Graveside services were held March 6, 2021 at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.



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THE ELBA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTED NEW BROCKTON with this structure fire Monday, March 8. The structure reportedly was abandoned prior to this fire. Much of the grass area around the structure also burned; therefore it was quite a timely battle for all the firefighters on scene to get things under control and fully extinguished.

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Sealed bids will be received by The Army Commission of Alabama, at the State Military Department Building, 1720 Cong. W.L. Dickinson Drive, (P.O. Box 3711), Montgomery, Alabama, until 2:00 p.m., Central Time, Thursday, April 1, 2021, for IT Modernization – South Region, Various Locations (IFB# AC-21-B-0014-S), at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the Second Floor Classroom (Room 201), of the State Military Department, 1720 Cong. W.L. Dickinson Drive, Montgomery, Alabama.

Certified checks or bid bonds (Power of Attorney is required) payable to The Army Commission of Alabama in an amount not less than five (5) per cent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00 per project, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Completed Disclosure Statements are preferred to accompany the proposal. Performance and Payment bonds will be required at the signing of the contract.

All entities must be registered to do business in the State of Alabama. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding \$50,000.00 must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975.

Plans and specifications are open to public inspection at the State Military Department, 1720 Cong. W.L. Dickinson Drive, State Property and Disbursing Office, Montgomery, AL 36109. Point of contact: Eric Holt, kenneth.e.holt2.nfg@mail.mil.

Plans and specifications may be obtained from the Architects, JMR+H Architecture, Attn: Renae Williams, specs@jmrha.com, upon deposit of \$300.00 per set, which will be refunded in full upon return of documents in good condition within ten (10) calendar days of the bid date. Questions should be addressed, in writing, to Renae Williams at JMR+H Architecture, specs@jmrha.com.

Only those bidders who have officially received "Bid Documents" from JMR+H Architecture, will be included on the distribution lists as "official plan holders" for Addenda or other project information during the bidding period. Any prospective bidders other than "official plan holders" must notify, in writing, JMR+H Architecture of their intent to bid the project by 2:00 p.m., CDT, Thursday, March 25, 2021. A Pre-Bid Conference will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 12, 2021 in the Second Floor Classroom (Room 201), of the State Military Department, 1720 Cong. W.L. Dickinson Drive, Montgomery, Alabama. All bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. Any errors or omissions made as a result of not attending will not be grounds for additional compensation.

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IN THE MATTER OF JOHN LAMAR WILLIS, Deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION CASE NO: PC-2020-074

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 23rd day of February 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this 24th day of February 2021. /s/ Debra Willis Crosby Personal Representative 3/4,11,18-pd

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION – A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment shall be made: **SYNOPSIS:** Relating to Coffee County, to increase the base salaries of offices of Revenue Commissioner, Judge of Probate and Sheriff and to adjust the salaries of the incumbent Judge of Probate and Sheriff.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Relating to Coffee County; to further provide for the salaries of the Judge of Probate and the Sheriff, to amend Section 45-16-84.01, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the salary of the Judge of Probate, to amend Section 45-16-230, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the salary of the Sheriff; and to amend Section 45-16-84.02, to further provide for the salary of the Revenue Commissioner. **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:**

Section 1. Section 45-16-84.01, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A Judge of Probate of Coffee County who is first elected or appointed on or after September 22, 2015, March 8, 2021, shall receive an annual base salary of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year. Except as provided in subsection (b), the salary shall constitute the total compensation payable to the judge of probate, and shall be in lieu of any salary, expense allowance, or other compensation provided by law. The judge of probate shall be paid from the same funds and in the same manner as presently provided.

(b) The annual salary provided in subsection (a) shall continue to be adjusted thereafter as authorized in Chapter 2A of Title 11.

(c) If there is a break in continuous service as judge of probate on or after September 22, 2015, March 8, 2021, upon reappointment or reelection as judge

of probate, he or she shall receive the base salary as provided in subsection (a), which may be adjusted as provided in subsection (b).

Section 2. Section 45-16-84.02, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A Revenue Commissioner of Coffee County elected on or after September 22, 2015, March 8, 2021, shall receive an annual base salary of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year. Except as provided in subsection (b), the salary shall constitute the total compensation payable to the revenue commissioner, and shall be in lieu of any salary, expense allowance, or other compensation provided by law. The revenue commissioner shall be paid from the same funds and in the same manner as presently provided.

(b) The annual salary provided in subsection (a) shall continue to be adjusted thereafter as authorized in Chapter 2A of Title 11.

(c) If there is a break in continuous service as revenue commissioner on or after the effective date of this act, upon reappointment or reelection as revenue commissioner, he or she shall receive the base salary as provided in subsection (a), which may be adjusted as provided in subsection (b).

Section 3. Section 45-16-230, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A Sheriff of Coffee County elected or appointed on or after September 22, 2015, March 8, 2021, shall receive an annual salary of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year. Except as provided in subsection (b), the salary shall constitute the total compensation payable to the sheriff, and shall be in lieu of any salary, expense allowance, or other compensation provided by law. The sheriff shall be paid from the same funds and in the same manner as presently provided.

(b) The annual salary provided in subsection (a) shall continue to be adjusted thereafter as authorized in Chapter 2A of Title 11.

(c) If there is a break in continuous service as sheriff on or after September 22, 2015, March 8, 2021, upon reappointment or reelection as sheriff, he or she shall receive the base salary as provided in subsection (a), which may be adjusted as provided in subsection (b).

Section 4. The annual sal-

ary of the incumbent Judge of Probate of Coffee County or the incumbent Sheriff of Coffee County holding office on the effective date of this act shall be increased by ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) beginning with the next term of such office following this act becoming law.

Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law. 3/11,18,25&4/1-chg.

IN THE MATTER OF IDA JEAN SPLURLIN, Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION CASE NO: PC 2021-006

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of March 2021 by the Honorable, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 4th day of March 2021

/s/ **MARY BETH HENDERSON**
Personal Representative
3-11,18,25-pd

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Case No. PC 2021-017
The State of Alabama, Coffee County Probate Court

In the matter of the Estate of:

Myrtle W. Baker, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon the last will and testament of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of March 2021, by the honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited. **RODGER C. ("CHRIS") BAKER**
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Now that basketball season is over at Carroll High and his Mom gets home early in the afternoon, I don't get to see my little man Lawson like I did every day during the season. I miss our afternoon chats in the car and spending time with our grandson, but I know he loves the extra time with his Mom and I'll just have to make up for lost time when I get the chance.

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tigers ran their winning streak to three games last week with a pair of wins over Samson. The Tigers lost their season opener to Opp, but since then have been on a roll. Behind solid pitching and a host of hot bats, the Tigers have scored over ten runs a game in all three wins. Elba is getting ready to open area play against a couple of the best 2A teams in the state, but if their pitching staff continues to get the job done and the bats keep making contact, the Tigers may have a surprise or two up their sleeves.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers competed in a tournament last weekend in Wicksburg and posted one win in three games as they continued to play catch-up with many of the teams in the area. The Lady Tigers claimed a solid win over Cottonwood as Ayrika Caldwell tossed a no-hitter, and threw a scare into 3A power Opp before being eliminated late Saturday afternoon. If Elba can score five runs a game it should win a lot of games, because Caldwell isn't going to allow many runs, no matter the opponent.

*** All the teams in the area were on the field last week and it was another big week for the players and fans. On the baseball field, the wins were hard to come by as Kinston and Zion Chapel dropped games, while on the softball field, Brantley opened the week with four straight wins before dropping three of four in a tournament in Wicksburg. Kinston got a win in the same tournament, while New Brockton suffered its first loss to 2A power G.W. Long. If the weather will stay pretty all baseball and softball fans should have a lot of fun in the weeks to come.

*** The Troy Trojans released their 2021 football schedule last week and once again it looks like the Trojans won't have any problems pleasing their many fans. The Trojans home games include Southern and Liberty, in non-conference action, while conference match-ups include Georgia Southern, South Alabama, Louisiana and Appalachian State. Other non-conference games include Southern Miss and South Carolina. Nobody wants to turn things around anymore than the players and coaches up at Troy, and it looks like a fun season ahead.

*** Most college coaching staffs would see a big increase in salaries after winning a nation title, but such is not the case at Alabama, where the Crimson Tide's assistant coaching salaries will drop from \$8.85 million a year ago by almost \$1.5 million. The biggest savings will come at offensive coordinator, where new OC Bill O'Brien will earn a cool \$1.1 million, which is less than half of the \$2.5 million made a year ago by Steve Sarkisian. New offensive line coach Doug Marone will earn \$105,000 more than the coach did a season ago, while other salary decreases will happen for the new tight-ends coach, the new defensive back coach, and the new running backs coach. Nobody goes hungry at the University of Alabama.



Elba Tiger Connor Burrow heads for third base after reaching a base hit in the Tigers big win last week over Samson.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Elba Tiger Collin Sauls reaches for a throw in last week's win over Samson that upped the Tigers winning streak to three games.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Elba explodes late to bury Samson 18-6

The Elba Tigers traveled to Samson Thursday night and came home with two wins as the Tigers varsity posted a big 18-6 win and the JV claimed a 6-0 victory.

Following are highlights of both wins:

VARSITY
Elba 18 Samson 6

The Elba Tigers spotted Samson an early 2-0 lead and then came roaring back to claim a lopsided 18-6, six-inning win.

Samson combined two hits with two walks and one hit batter to grab a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first, but the Tigers answered quickly as three walks loaded the bases, and hits by Whit Shehee and Peyton McCart led to four runs as Elba went on top 4-2 in the top of the second. Samson cut the

Tigers sweep Samson, again

The Elba Tigers hosted Samson on Friday night in round two of the home-and-home series and for the second straight day swept their opponents as the Tigers varsity rolled to an 11-1 win and the JV posted a 6-2 victory.

Following are highlights of both games:

VARSITY
Elba 11 Samson 1

The Elba Tigers led all the way in a dominating 11-1 win over Samson. The Tigers pounded out 15 hits and stole nine bases in the win as their winning streak reached three games.

Peyton McCart had 4 hits, scored 4 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Carson Wise added 3 hits and 1 rbi; Iverson Lane added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and

led to 4-3 in its half of the frame; however, the Tigers combined four walks with one error to stretch their lead to 6-3 in the third, and extended their lead to 8-3 in the fourth sparked by a two-out single by Connor Burrow and a two-run double by Whit Shehee.

Samson battled back and pulled within 8-5 entering the sixth, but Elba combined five hits with five walks and three hit batters to plate ten runs to bow the game open. A leadoff single by Iverson Lane ignited the sixth inning fireworks, while Collin Sauls added a two-run single and Paxton Wise added a single as the Tigers ran away with the big 18-6 win.

Collin Sauls had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and collected 4 rbi's to lead Elba, while Peyton McCart added 2

2 rbi's; John Martin Wilson added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Whit Shehee added 2 hits and 4 rbi's. John Martin Wilson was the winning pitcher as he tossed five innings and allowed one earned run on three hits, and struck out two batters.

JUNIOR VARSITY
Elba 6 Samson 2

The Elba Tigers used a 5-run third inning to take the lead and never looked back in a 6-2 win over Samson. Jay Wilson had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Tigers, while Cayden Adkins added 2 hits and 1 rbi and Brady Johnson added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Ty Sieving picked up the win on the mound as he pitched four innings and allowed one earned run on two hits, and recorded four strikeouts.

hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Whit Shehee added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Carson Wise added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Connor Burrow and Paxton Wise both added 1 hit and 1 rbi.

Collin Sauls was the winning pitcher, in relief, as he pitched four innings, allowed two earned runs on four hits and struck out five. Paxton Wise was the starter and pitched two innings and allowed two earned runs on two hits.

JUNIOR VARSITY
Elba 6 Samson 0

Elba's Colin Arnold pitched a five-inning no hitter as the Tigers claimed their first win of the

young season last week in a 6-0 win over Samson. The Tigers jumped on top 4-0 in the top of the second and behind the pitching of Arnold and a stingy defense, never lost command as they rolled to the impressive road win.

Kaleb Mitchell had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Elba at the plate, while Bradley Chapman added 2 hits and 2 rbi's, Jay Wilson added 2 hits and scored 1 run, Jordan Hammonds added 2 hits and 1 rbi, and Ty Sieving added 1 hit, drew three walks, and scored 3 runs.

Collin Arnold pitched a five-inning no hitter with 13 strikeouts.

Lady Tigers win one in tourney, Ayrika Caldwell throws no-hitter

The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the Wicksburg Lady Panther Softball Tournament last weekend and posted one win in three games, in the 11-team event.

Daleville 12 Elba 9

The Lady Tigers opened the tournament with a 12-9 loss to Daleville. The Lady Tigers out-hit Daleville 10-2, but allowed 11 walks and saw their pitchers hit three batters in the game. Makinna Gray had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Tigers, while Mikenzy Hooks added 2 hits and scored 2 runs and Hailee Layton added 2 hits, including a home run, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi.

Elba 7 Cottonwood 0

Elba's Ayrika Caldwell pitched a four inning no-hitter with 9 strikeouts and banded out 2 hits, including a double and a triple, and knocked in 2 runs to lead the Lady Tigers to a 7-0 win over Cottonwood. Mikenzy Hooks added 3 hits and 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Tigers at the plate, while Andrya Chism added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, and Jayla Gray added 2 hits, including a double and a triple, and scored 2 runs.

Opp 5 Elba 1

The Elba Lady Tigers saw a 1-0 second inning lead vanish in a 5-1 loss to Opp. Mikenzy Hooks had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Lady Tigers, while Andrya Chism added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Jayla Gray and Makinna Gray both added 1 hit. Ayrika Caldwell was tagged with the loss as she pitched five innings and allowed four earned runs on six hits, and struck out five.

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SPORTS NEWS

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BASEBALL:

Kinston falls to Carroll 7-3

The Kinston Bulldogs trailed only 3-2 after three innings, but stranded nine runners on base and never caught up in a 7-3 loss to Carroll. Cale Sumblin had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Bulldogs, while Hunter Hughes added 1 hit and had 1 rbi and Jeb Crosby added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Hunter Hughes and Cale Sumblin combined to pitch six innings, allowed four hits and one earned run, and struck out eleven.

Rebels swept by Bobcats

The Zion Chapel Rebels hosted the Opp Bobcats and dropped two games as the varsity lost 17-1 and the junior varsity lost 14-4. In the varsity contest, the Rebels fell behind 9-0 early and never threatened. Nate Braisted had a double for the Rebels only hit, while Dyne Bannin, Ethan Young, Wes Braisted and Austin Jordan combined to pitch five innings, allowed fourteen hits and eight walks, and struck out four. In the junior varsity game, the Rebels fell behind 6-0 early and failed to get a hit. Brodie Stinson, Joseph LeGear, Macon Allen and Dylan Davis all scored one run.

Brantley JV rip Luverne 13-3

The Brantley Bulldog JV used an 8-run fourth inning to take command and coasted in with a big 13-3 win over Luverne. Cooper Layton had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs, while Kendrick Welch added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; and, JH Kilcrease added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Jayden Parks and Kendrick Welch combined to pitch a four-inning four hitter with seven strikeouts.

Zion Chapel JV fails to Purple Cats 8-4

The Zion Chapel Rebel JV fell behind early and could never catch up in an 8-4 loss to the Arton Purple Cats. Austin Jordan had 2 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Joseph LeGear added 2 hits and scored 1 run and Brady Flowers added 2 hits and scored 1 run.

SOFTBALL:

Brantley blanks McKenzie 16-0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs used an 11-run third inning to take command and coasted in with a 16-0 win over McKenzie. Ainsley Watts had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and collected 5 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Campbell Hawthorne added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's, and Kayden Dunn and Elleigh Layton both ripped home runs. Lauren Hudson got the win inside the circle as she tossed a three-inning no-hitter with eight strikeouts.

Brantley spans McKenzie 15-0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs jumped out to an early 8-0 lead and never looked back in claiming a 15-0 win over McKenzie.



Brantley's Lauren Hudson fires a pitch to the plate in recent action. (Photo by Kody Nichols)

Sheonte Barginere had a double and home-run, scored 3 runs and knocked in 5 runs to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Hope Richardson added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's; Ainsley Watts added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and Kaylee Navaree added 2 hits and scored 1 run, and also pitched a three-inning perfect game with eight strikeouts.

Brantley downs Red Level 7-4

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs rallied from an early 2-1 deficit to down Red Level 7-4. Campbell Hawthorne had 3 hits and collected 4 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Elleigh Layton added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Kayden Dunn added 3 hits; and Lauren Hudson ripped a home-run. Lauren Hudson was the winning pitcher as she tossed seven innings, allowed five hits and two earned runs, and struck out thirteen batters.

Brantley clobbers Red Level 16-0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs took charge early and cruised in with a big 16-0 win over Red Level. Kayden Dunn had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Kaylee Navarre added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Ainsley Watts added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi's; Campbell Hawthorne added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's; and, Hope Richardson added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Kaylee Navaree pitched a three-inning two hitter with seven strikeouts.

New Brockton JV fails to G.W. Long 9-2

The New Brockton Lady Gamecock JV fell behind 5-0 early and never caught up in a 9-2 loss to G.W. Long. Maddie Jenkins and Anna Blackmon both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Kirstyn Ramirez and Cecily Ray both added 1 hit and had 1 rbi. Katie Qualls was the hard luck loser as he tossed four innings, allowed one earned run on three hits, and struck out five.

N.B. bounced by Long 9-1

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks dropped a 9-1 decision at home Thursday night to the G.W. Long Lady Rebels. Jordyn Thornton had 2

hits and scored 1 run to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Bailey Blackmon added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Kiersten Sunday added 1 hit. Blackmon pitched five and one-third innings and allowed three earned runs on eight hits, while striking out eight, and Mckinley Jenkins pitched one and two-thirds innings and allowed no earned runs on three hits. The Lady Rebels Morgan Ferguson allowed three hits and struck out 14 batters to get the win inside the circle and also had a big night at the plate with 3 hits, including a home run and a double.

Zion Chapel flattened by Lady Cats 13-1

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels banged out seven hits, but crossed the plate only once in a 13-1 loss to the Arton Lady Cats. Mattie Heath had 3 hits, including two home runs, and knocked in 4 runs to lead the Lady Cats, while Paige Logan was the winning pitcher as she scattered seven hits and recorded six strikeouts.

Brantley struggles in 12-1 loss to Long

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs fell behind 12-0 in the first inning and never challenged in a 12-1 loss to G.W. Long. Elleigh Layton had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Campbell Hawthorne and Lauren Hudson both added 1 hit. Lauren Hudson was saddled with the loss as she pitched four innings and allowed two earned runs on thirteen hits, while striking out five.

Brantley outscored by Houston Acad. 8-6

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs saw a late rally fall short in an 8-6 loss to Houston Academy. Kayden Dunn had 3 hits, including a home run and a double, scored 2 runs and drove in 3 runs to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Campbell Hawthorne added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Kaylee Navaree added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Houston Academy hit three home runs in the game.

Bulldogs tame Cats 6-3

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs rallied from an early 3-0 deficit to defeat the Arton Lady Cats 6-3. Kaylee Navarre had 2 hits, including a home run, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Elleigh Layton added 1 hit and 3 rbi's and Lauren Hudson added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Kaylee Navarre was the winning pitcher in relief as she tossed two innings of no-hit ball.

Brantley blanked by G.W. Long 4-0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs fell behind 4-0 in the first inning and never threatened in a 4-0 loss to G.W. Long. Ainsley Watts and Mary Driggers had 1 hit, apiece, to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Kaylee Navaree and Lauren Hudson combined to pitch five innings and allowed three earned runs on four hits, with two strikeouts.



Kinston's Sydney Smith (24) works from the mound for the Lady Bulldogs last Thursday night, March 4, in a loss to the Class 3A Opp Lady Bobcats.

Kinston Lady 'Dawgs drop three of four games last week

Statistics and Photos submitted by Cindy Smith

The Class 1A Kinston Lady Bulldogs lost 7-3 last Thursday, March 4, in a match-up with the Class 3A Opp Bobcats in softball.

Macie Smith was the losing pitcher for Kinston, pitching three and a third innings. She allowed four hits and six runs while striking out two batters.

For the Lady Bulldogs, Cadence Elmore, Kelsi Cardwell, Sydney Danford, Sarah Beth Long, and Peters all had one hit.

The Lady Bulldogs competed in a softball tournament, hosted by Wicksburg last weekend. Kinston went 1-2 in tournament play.

The win for the Lady Bulldogs came in a game against Cottonwood. Kinston won 5-1 over the Lady Bears.

In the first inning of this game, Kinston's Macie Smith singled, scoring two runs. She also was the starting pitcher for the Lady Bulldogs going three innings - allowing one run on one hit, striking out three batters, and walking one.

Smith added a 2-run homerun to further extend the lead in the third, giving her two hits in two at bats for the Bulldogs in the win.

Kinston's two losses at the Wicksburg tournament



Kinston's Macie Smith blasted a two-run homer in the 5-1 win over Cottonwood last weekend.

were at the hands of the Houston Academy Lady Raiders of Dothan. The Lady Raiders shut-out the Lady 'Dawgs in both games, 13-0 and 8-0.

The Lady Bulldogs fell behind early in the 13-0 loss to Houston Academy. Sarah Beth Long singled for the Lady Bulldogs in the fourth inning, and she led her team with this one hit in two at bats.

Suffering the loss from the mound for Kinston was Macie Smith. She allowed eight hits and eight runs

over three innings. Sydney Smith pitched one inning of relief.

In the 8-0 loss, Kinston's Sarah Beth Long did manage a double in the first inning, but the Lady Bulldogs could not capitalize on that hit. Also getting hits for Kinston in the game were Sydney Smith, Abigail Smith, and Kelsi Cardwell.

Macie Smith suffered the loss on the mound, surrendering eight runs on six hits over four innings. She did have two strikeouts in the game.

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